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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR RATRAY ON CIEC ISSUES

REF: (A) KHARTOUM 1756, (B) STATE 120306 NOTAL

1. SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR RATRAY, IN FOLLOW-UP TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S APPROACH TO PM MANLEY AT MAPUTO, CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY (EB) BOEKER MAY 24 TO DISCUSS THE PARIS CIEC MEETINGS AND PRESENT GOJ VIEWS ON WHAT MIGHT CONSTITUTE A CONSTRUCTIVE USG POSITION. IN THE COURSE OF THIS DISCUSSION, RATRAY RAISED THE QUOTE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL MONETARY REFORM UNQUOTE AND SAID HE WOULD

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CONSULT WITH KINGSTON ON THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH APPROPRIATE USG REPS ON THE SUBJECT IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. END SUMMARY.

2. BOEKER BEGAN BY EXPLAINING THAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S ABILITY TO WIN DOMESTIC AND CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR ITS POSITIONS IN INTERNATIONAL FORA DEPENDS TO A LARGE EXTENT

ON AN ATMOSPHERE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE PARIS CIEC MEETING, BOEKER IDENTIFIED WHAT THE U.S. PERCEIVES AS ITS MAJOR TASKS: 1) TO GIVE POLITICAL RECOGNITION TO SPIRIT OF COOPERATION THAT EXISTS BETWEEN LDC'S AND DC'S; 2) TO IDENTIFY A SMALL NUMBER OF HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT MATTERS THAT CAN BE AGREED

UPON IMMEDIATELY; AND 3) TO GAIN GENERAL RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT CIEC CANNOT ACCOMPLISH EVERYTHING. BOEKER OUTLINED U.S. POSITION ON THE ISSUES ALONG LINES IN REF B.

3. RATTRAY, READING FROM A LENGTHY PAPER, OUTLINED WHAT THE GOJ WOULD VIEW AS A QUOTE CONSTRUCTIVE USG STANCE UNQUOTE IN PARIS. THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEMS MENTIONED WERE: 1) COMMITMENT BY THE USG TO A POSITION THAT WOULD DEMONSTRATE THE POSSIBILITIES INHERENT IN CIEC. 2) EARLY USG DISASSOCIATION FROM THE DIVIDE AND CONQUER POLICIES OF FORMER ADMINISTRATIONS, PARTICULARLY THAT CHARACTERIZED BY THE QUOTE KISSINGER LEAK UNQUOTE OF DECEMBER 12, 1976. BOEKER QUICKLY DISABUSED RATTRAY OF THE IDEA THAT THIS LEAK REPRESENTED USG POLICY, AND POINTED OUT THAT DOCUMENT IN QUESTION ORIGINATED IN THE DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTRY. 3) SUPPORT THE CREATION OF NEW INSTITUTIONS IN THE AREA OF ENERGY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 4) SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STUDY GROUP TO CONSIDER ISSUES IDENTIFIED AS CRITICAL BY LDC'S, ESPECIALLY INTERNATIONAL MONETARY REFORM.

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4. BOEKER SAID HE RECOGNIZED JAMAICA'S CONCERN ABOUT MONETARY REFORM, BUT SUGGESTED THAT ITS HIGHLY TECHNICAL NATURE MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR FOREIGN MINISTER-LEVEL MEETINGS, SUCH AS CIEC, TO DEAL WITH. BOEKER WENT ON TO SAY THAT U.S. WAS UNAWARE OF PARTICULARS OF GOJ CONCERN AND IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF AN EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE BETWEEN GOJ/USG EXPERTS IN WHICH THE JAMAICAN POSITION ON MONETARY REFORM COULD BE OUTLINED. RATTRAY AGREED AND SAID HE WOULD CONSULT WITH KINGSTON ON THE MATTER BEFORE PURSUING IT FURTHER. RATTRAY SUGGESTED THAT THE GOVERNOR OF BOJ MIGHT BE AN APPROPRIATE JAMAICAN SPOKESMAN. WE SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF SOMEWHAT LOWER RANKING REPRESENTATION.

5. NO TIME OR PLACE FOR SUCH A MEETING WAS DISCUSSED. WE ANTICIPATE RATTRAY WILL COME BACK TO US ON THESE POINTS. THERE IS NO NEED FOR OTHER APPROACHES AT THIS TIME. VANCE

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